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Fixing Our Schools From the Bottom Up: HOW STATES ARE STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY

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- < A key element in making our schools better is enhancing *accountability*. States have already started this bottom-up approach, as shown by the following:
 - **Assessment** – All 50 States have tests for measuring student achievement.
 - **Report Cards** – Thirty-six States issue a report card for each of their schools.
 - **Ratings** – Nineteen States assign school ratings, or identify low-performing schools.
 - **Rewards** – Fourteen States provide monetary rewards to successful schools.
 - **Assistance** – Nineteen States provide assistance to schools identified as low-performing.
 - **Sanctions** – Sixteen States can close, take over, or reconstitute failing schools.
- < These efforts will be among the topics of a House Budget Committee hearing Thursday, looking at ways that States, localities, and private citizens are working to fix our schools from the bottom up. The hearing will be at 10:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Cannon House Office Building.